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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never mean to mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.
—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Precisely the telegraphic service of the American Press Association, the Transcript receives regularly the general dispatches of the United Press, giving the general news of the country and the world, and the special dispatches of the New England Associated Press, the oldest and best news gathering agency in New England, via its scores of men, and

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WILLIAMSTOWN AND NORTH ADAMS.

Our beautiful neighboring town is one of the most attractive features of the varied surroundings which form, as it were, the setting that helps to make our bright city a conspicuous Berkshire brilliant. North Adams is more noted for its enterprising business spirit and rare industrial advantages than for its natural beauty; a bright diamond, rough-cut perhaps but genuine all the same, with real worth sparkling from it and shining in it through and through.

Williamstown, lying over there under the shadow of Greylock and on the banks of the united Hoosicks, in regal grace and quietude, "in those fair valleys by nature formed to please," our queen of northern Berkshire beauty, is a fair and highly prized companion indeed. The influence of her quiet, social refinement and repose, and the benefits of her cultured collegiate circles are needed by our busy, practical city. The influence of the stirring activities over here are needed, in return, over there.

The two places are so closely united now that the interchange of helpful influences will be far more liberal and mutually beneficial than ever before. In fact it would not surprise us, after a few more years of the rapid growth of our city such as is now being experienced, to see Williamstown become a favorite place of residence for many people having their business over here. It is already a favorite resort for a large number of city visitors, and the closer relations established between these communities will tend to materially increase the number of such visitors, who are considering the desirability of making real estate purchases for summer or permanent residence.

We have a belief that Williamstown and North Adams, working together for that purpose, can give to the delightfully attractive college town a popularity as a summer and autumn resort that will exceed that of fashionable Lenox, at the other end of the county. The benefits of this will be felt very materially, not only in that immediate town, but in the Pomfrets to the north and in South Williamstown, Hancock and Lanesboro lying along that picturesque drive from Williamstown to Pittsfield.

The character of Williamstown's visitors and residents from the city will be much more helpful to the prosperity of the town than would that of such an ultra-fashionable set as is making Lenox celebrated. The former is a more desirable class for a community to cultivate and to offer inducements to for locating; a substantial class of people, who prefer comfort to fashion, and refinement and beauty of surroundings to society displays. Williamstown has always been exceedingly modest in presenting its claims for consideration as a resort; perhaps it has caught from North Adams this idea of modesty, which in the case of our city has made it so blushing and conspicuous when wanting anything from a normal school to a city charter.

Anytime the two communities, as unlike as they are, need each other greatly. There is hardly any quality lacking in the one that may not be supplied by the other; for instance the quietude and modesty on the one hand may be greatly benefited by the active assertive qualities on the other, and vice versa.

Williamstown and North Adams make an elegant cross-matched team of thoroughbreds, and can set a lively pace in a race for popular favor if they make up their minds to do so. They are in good condition to work together now and it would not be surprising to see a rattling boom underway in this end of the county during the coming year.

NORTH ADAMS' FIRST MAYOR.

The Boston Journal of yesterday pays our first mayor the following compliment: "Massachusetts has a new city—its thirty-second—and last Tuesday it elected its first mayor."

Mayor-elect A. C. Houghton of North Adams is one of the most interesting figures in the state. Although he is Mayor-elect of a new city, his name is not in the city by any desire. The office had no temptation for his ambition. When the bill was projected to make North Adams a city he was one of the strong men of the town behind it. When it came time to think about a safe and conservative, yet liberal and progressive, man for the mayoralty, Mr. Houghton was the first man thought of, though when the subject was broached to him he declined to consider it.

Mr. Houghton is one of the largest manufacturers in the state, being at the head of the Arnold print works in North Adams, and also heavily interested in a new mill now going up in the same town. The Arnold print works are very extensive also, standing next to the Merrimac mills of Lowell.

With all these interests upon his shoulders, Mr. Houghton had declined the honor, but when he was again approached and urged to inaugurate the policy of the city as its first mayor, he was entirely without moving with system and method, he acceded to the wishes of the people. When it was known that he would accept, both parties nominated him in their municipal convention, so that he would be entirely without a competitor for the mayoralty.

Mr. Houghton is a man of great system and method, and a master of details. He is a man of great nervous force, and his energy never fails. He is an enthusiastic as a man in whatever he undertakes, and for a friend his efforts are always earnest and unflagging. That is one of his prominent characteristics, steadfastness and strong friendship are his.

He has done a great deal to build up his city, and is always devising ways to beautify it. His idea in municipal affairs is to

make the government a business affair, and so, by systematic methods and care, to secure for the municipality as much as possible by careful business management. The city charter is framed with this in view. The mayor has almost supreme power. He also has the entire responsibility. The charter is framed almost like a business corporation and Mr. Houghton intends to run it as such.

General Lew Wallace, speaking at a banquet the other evening of the possibility of war with England gave as his opinion of the result, the following: "Here is the conclusion: If we must fight, I wish it could be with England alone. Not that it would be an easy affair if the duel were single-handed, but that it would be a complete affair—a finality. It would go hard with us at first; but we would not be idle. Before a year there would be no British commerce, the interpretation of which is simply universal British bankruptcy, and, at the end, as I see it, we would own everything on this side of the globe, from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Pole; second, Russia would be established in Constantinople, and hurrying the conclusion in British India. It all depends upon the constancy of our people; if they endure and go grimly on, the hour will come when we can effectually wake the democracy of England."

Our musical circles can be congratulated upon their recent valuable acquisition, which the new soprano of the Congregational church will prove to be. Miss Bowen was listened to Sunday with evident delight by the large audience gathered for Christmas services; and had the occasion permitted the appreciation would have been manifested with enthusiasm. She is said to be quite young, and quite honestly so we believe for a singer, and is also said to have had no musical training other than that afforded by a few lessons in Pittsfield last winter. But she comes of a musical family, her father and mother having been popular singers in Bennington, her home. A touch of pathos was given to her singing "Ring merry bells your joyous lay," Sunday, in the minds of those who were aware that it has been only a few weeks since she lost her mother. Miss Bowen will rapidly win musical and social favor here, and we prophesy that Prof. Mietzke soon will have the pleasure of knowing that his choice of a soloist is recognized as one of the favorite sopranos of western Massachusetts.

President Cleveland is a jingo. He has ranged himself in history beside those grand old American jingoes, George Washington and John Quincy Adams, and Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Harrison. He has spoken for the nation in a tone worthy of the saintly intellibility of those who were a peaceable people, we are prepared for anything rather than the surrender of a principle.—Boston Gazette.

We looked to the senate for an effort to star the flame, and behold, it too grabs a torch and runs out into the street crying havoc! And we looked back to the president and behold a great man rushing forth with a squirt-gun to beat back the conflagration.—Republican.

This, when in honor we are bound to a declared policy and trouble thickens about the president. For shame!

Here is an example of the dangers of woman suffrage in great cities. It comes on the authority of Colorado's governor who says of the last election: "The good women staid away from the polls while the immoral ones were driven to the polls, and voted whichever way the male bums directed."

Governor McKinley's brother-in-law has been sued for \$30,000 for alienating a wife's affections. Quite possible he is guilty. It seems to be a trick of the McKinley family. Harrison and Reed know this in several instances.

College professors do not know it all. They do not agree on their interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. The Chicago Record intimates that some of them would be benefited by a few days' attendance at some first-class grammar school.—Springfield Union.

Yankee Doodle was sung at the chief grain exchange of London Saturday morning, and was greeted with cheers, so a cable says. Good enough. There is a good deal of Yankee Doodle singing on this side too.

One sentiment expressed by Mr. Houghton to a group of friends gathered at a dinner Saturday evening was this: "It is my sincerest desire never to bring the least discredit upon any friend of the new city government or upon its charter. To that end I shall shape my action."

All now rests with the Venezuelan commission to be appointed by President Cleveland. A war cloud will shadow this country till that commission reports, and then will come sunshine or storm.

The New England Free Trade league passing resolutions condemning Mr. Cleveland and upholding Lord Salisbury! There never was any patriotism in free trade.

It is the time of peace on earth and good will toward men. The bible doesn't mention, however, what kind of a time it should be for the world's great land-robber.

Italy is ready to stand between us and England for the sake of peace. All right, arbitration is welcome provided England will arbitrate the whole question.

The country is cooled off somewhat, but it can be made warm again if necessary. All are waiting now for the Venezuelan commission's report.

It looks like an issue of short time gold bonds, and the gold and greenbacks so acquired not to be paid out for current expenses.

Because of the open season thus far the winter can't be a long one unless it everlastingly lingers in the lap of next spring.

The dogs of war are still kennelled. But any lion's growling will make them very uneasy.

"Only common sense required," is Gladstone's opinion of the Venezuelan trouble.

War excitement—adjourned to await the Venezuelan commission's report.

Fred Chippendale, who is studying on the state ship, "Enterprise," is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. A. Simpson of Pittsfield is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Pease, 68 Bracewell avenue.

Miss Jean Douglas Martin of Manchester, N. H., is spending the holidays with Mrs. John Morrison.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.
Corrected Dec. 18, 1895.
Trains Leave North Adams going East—12.37, 1.18, 7.23, 9.53, 11.44 a. m.; 2.22, 1.40, 7.20 p. m.
Going West—7.30, 10.08 a. m.; 12.20, 1.24, 5.00, 7.05, 11.45, 12.45, 7.40 p. m.
Trains Arrive from East—10.08 a. m.; 12.10, 1.24, 5.05, 7.05, 11.46, 12.46 p. m.
From West—12.37, 1.18, 7.23, 9.53, 11.44, 12.00, 2.22, 1.40, 7.20 p. m.
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c Sunday daily, Sunday included.
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Boston & Albany Railroad.
Trains Leave North Adams, going South—8.30, 9.30 a. m.; 12.15, 3.40, 6.45 p. m.
Trains Arrive from South—8.20 a. m.; 12.05, 2.35, 5.55, 9.10 p. m.

Hoosac Valley Street Railway.
Leave North Adams—6.10, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 11.30 a. m.; 1.15, 2.30, 3.45, 4.45, 5.30, 6.15, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15 p. m.
Leave Adams—6.10, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 11.30 a. m.; 1.15, 2.30, 3.45, 4.45, 5.30, 6.15, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15 p. m.
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Sunday cars will be run to suit convenience of church attendees.

Stages.
Run Daily, except Sunday.
NORTH ADAMS AND WILLIAMSTOWN
THOMAS McMAHON, Proprietor.
Leave North Adams—6.10, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 11.30 a. m.; 1.15, 2.30, 3.45, 4.45, 5.30, 6.15, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15 p. m.
Leave Williamstown—6.10, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15, 11.30 a. m.; 1.15, 2.30, 3.45, 4.45, 5.30, 6.15, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15 p. m.
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NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO
J. E. FAULKNER, Proprietor.
Leave Post Office, North Adams, 1.30 p. m.
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THIS EVENING'S EVENTS.
Concert and dance at Galtick's hall in aid of G. A. R. building fund.
Meeting of lodging house directors and the clergy at Rockshire bank at 8 o'clock.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Sherman & Plumb have placed an arc light over their store door.
—The semi-annual election of officers of the Baptist Young People's union will be held tomorrow evening.

—Fred Lee and Miss Gertrude Brown-sword will be married tomorrow evening at St. John's church. The wedding will be private.

—The infant department of the Congregational Sunday school will have a Christmas entertainment Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday evening the rest of the school will have a supper.

—The James Hunter Machine company remembered the work done by the fire department when the foundry was threatened a few nights ago and presented each company with a box of good cigars.

—The entertainment and social to be given in Galtick's hall this evening is for the benefit of the G. A. R. building fund and the public is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. David Whipple and Miss Lizzie Graham have charge of the affair.

—It has been settled that the Burns anniversary will be observed by the Glen McIntyre and other Scotchmen. The breach that was between the celebrating committee and the clan has been healed by compromise and a meeting will be held to-night by the joint committee to make further arrangements.

—The Columbia orchestra has been re-organized and will be hereafter under the direction of John Steele instead of Byron Briggs. The orchestra will be made up as follows: First violin, John Steele; second violin, Fred Hooker; cornet, P. Borbeles; flute, Charles Steele; trombone, Frank Bolesey; drums and traps, William Darling; piano, Edward Ashman.

—The tandem bicycle arrangement in Penman's window attracts much attention and makes lots of sport. The woman's bloomers are especially admired. The arrangement is the work of F. A. Johnson, who made a great hit a year ago with a single rider, and who comes up to date this year with a pair on a tandem. Next year he will probably give us a tournament.

—The decorating committee of the charity ball met in the Wilson parlors Saturday to decide upon the decorations and other matters pertaining to the ball. The usual pine tree ornamentation will be used and the handsome banking of laurel about the stage will also be arranged. White and green bunting will be draped on the walls and, with the various silk flags to be hung about the hall, the effect will be very pleasing. Several young men have offered to assist the ladies of the committee.

—Services will be held at St. John's church Christmas day at 7 and 10.30 a. m. Thursday evening the children's Christmas festival will be held in the church, beginning at 7 o'clock. A Christmas tree will yield presents for all the children of the Sunday school. There will be a carol service in connection with the event and the rector will make a short address. R. W. Illingworth is in charge of the decorations of the church, which will be quite elaborate, and the music under the direction of J. K. Smith, who has prepared an excellent program for Christmas day.

—February 10, 1896, W. E. Wood, the well-known caterer and hotel man, will take the management of the Mansion house, Greenfield, he having closed the contract which gives him a lease of the property for five years, beginning at that date. There has been a warm contest for the possession of the lease, Alf. Schoff, the present proprietor desiring to renew his lease, and other hotel men made an effort to secure the management of the hotel, which is regarded to be one of the best in New England in point of location and opportunity. Mr. Wood is the manager of the depot restaurants along the line of the Fitchburg railroad.

A NARROW ESCAPE.
Lawrence Nichols of Adams injured at the Local Fitchburg Depot.

Lawrence Nichols of Adams came near losing his life at the Fitchburg depot in this town early Saturday morning. Recently he secured a position at the depot here and the morning referred to he was engaged in loading express and other packages on the 1.37 o'clock train east. A few minutes before he and a fellow workman had been talking about the liability of a train bearing down upon them on the west bound track. In the event of this the companion said the only thing to do was to make for the platform and leave the baggage and truck to its fate. The young man pushed away at his truck and before a realization of what was happening could be had a west bound freight was crashing into the truck. The young man tried to save his loaded

vehicle and was jammed between the truck handle and the passenger train. The truck partly ran over him. The engineer of the freight train had his engine under control and soon brought it to a standstill, and then Nichols was taken to the office of Dr. Stafford where it was found he was injured about the breast and one of his wrists was badly sprained. He was taken home. The accident is a very unusual one. It is seldom a freight train approaches near enough to the depot when a passenger train is standing there so as to do any harm. The passenger train had pulled far up the depot and probably the freight engineer did not observe this and did not see he was coming too near. It is not believed Nichols is seriously hurt.

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TOWN TALK.
New items in silver were opened today. W. H. Sperry & Co.

Angie Loomis Dunham wishes to announce to her patrons and the public that from this time her ladies' hair-dressing parlor, No. 68 Main St., Galtick block, will be open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., and on Saturday until 10 p. m. She is better prepared than ever to do ball work as well as all general hair work. Appointments made as usual.

For the Holidays.
People looking for holiday gifts cannot do better than to visit Barnes' jewelry store where they will find a large and exceptional choice display of jewelry, watches, silverware and all the various articles that go to make up the stock of a thoroughly first-class jewelry store. Mr. Barnes has selected his stock with special care and his prices are, as usual, as low as can be placed on solid and reliable goods. By trading with Barnes one gets the benefit of long years of experience and is sure of square dealings, considerations that should not be overlooked by those who want to get exactly what they buy and get it for what it is worth.

I beg to inform my customers and the public in general that I am doing business in the rear part of my store, 55 Eagle street, and will continue to do so until my business troubles are settled. Any orders with which I may be favored will have my prompt attention, James O'Brien, fashionable tailor.

Fine lamps, onyx tables, fish sets, jardéniers and many new things in fancy pottery and artistic novelties. W. H. Sperry & Co.

Machinist.
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Gold and silver scarf pins, hat pins, etc., richly enameled in a variety of designs from 20 cents at L. M. Barnes, 5 Wilson block.

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Taylor & Gow.

(Successors to W. J. Taylor.)

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If you contemplate buying a garment come and look them over. You will find a good bargain.

Grand Mark Down. French Novelty Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Trimmings, &c., &c.

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Christmas Services at the Churches. Festivities at the Town Farm. Miss Davis Said to be Insane.

At St. Charles Church.

There will be five masses at St. Charles church Christmas day, at the hours of 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11. The first three will be for members of the church; the 9 o'clock service for the children; and the last one is the high mass. Vespers and benediction will be celebrated at 7 o'clock and at that service, Rev. Fr. Purcell, a newly-ordained priest, will deliver his first sermon. He is a nephew of the late Rev. Fr. Purcell of Pittsfield. Confessions were heard at the church Sunday afternoon and evening by Rev. Frs. Moran and Coyne and Rev. Fr. Roux of Fitchburg. They will be heard again this afternoon and evening and at the same hours Tuesday. Masses were celebrated today and will be tomorrow at the hours of 4.45 and 8 a. m. The Christmas music has been carefully arranged and rehearsed and will be very fine.

Miss Davis Considered Insane.

Miss Hattie E. Davis, who lives at the home of Joseph Morrison, on East Hoosac street, is considered insane by local physicians and authorities, and will be taken either to the asylum at Northampton or to the town farm. Miss Davis has been in bed six or eight weeks, considering herself seriously ill. One physician who examined her stated that she had symptoms of bilious fever, but contrary to this theory was the fact that she ate like a hearty man and can dispose of as much food. Another doctor stated that she has no physical ailment but is out of her mind.

Daughters of Rebekah Elect Officers.

The Daughters of Rebekah elected these new officers Friday evening: N. G., Mrs. Mattie Simmons; V. G., Mrs. Allie T. Wilde; treasurer, Miss Agnes Turnbull; trustee for three years, Mrs. Emily Ingraham.

Christmas at Notre Dame Church.

The mass at the church of Notre Dame Christmas morning will be at 7.30 and 10.30 o'clock. Vespers will be celebrated at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. Confessions will be heard Tuesday afternoon and evening by Rev. Fr. Triganne and Rev. Fr. Gerin of St. Justin, Canada.

Another New Years Dance.

Invitations have been issued for a private dance to be held at Odd Fellows' hall New Years eve. The committee of arrangements is made up of Mrs. M. E. Simmons, Mrs. A. Wilder, Mrs. L. O'Brien, Miss A. Decker, Miss M. Rice, E. G. Ingraham, W. Andrews, W. Rice.

Christmas Trees at the Town Farm.

The inmates of the town farm-house will be given a pleasant reminder of happier days by the observance of Christmas customs, Tuesday evening, and among other things will have a Christmas tree.

George Boulger, roll-cutter at W. C. Plunkett & Sons' mill, will go home to Springfield Tuesday to stay over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lawrence of Troy are visiting Mrs. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riley.

O. G. Boorn is getting out some nice calendars for local business men.

The street railway company's big snow plow and scraper run up street this morning, attracting much attention and scaring the horses.

William Burke has taken a position in Jenks & Moore's store.

Thomas F. Cassidy, George A. Mole and Frank A. Richmond of Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., are at home to remain until January 3.

Martin Shields, Daniel Sullivan and Patrick McAndrews of Avington, N. J., are at home for Christmas.

The first regular meeting of the Young Men's Literary club will be held in the Rev. A. B. Penniman's study this evening. The St. Jean Baptiste society will hold a basket social on Friday evening, January 16, at their hall on Commercial street. "The Burglar," which will be presented at the opera house Saturday evening by A. Q. Scammon and company, is a very strong drama, which should attract a large number. The play has been presented here twice.

It. N. Richmond has been re-appointed deputy of the 14th Massachusetts Masonic district.

John Stiffler will continue the broking business of Stiffler & Fitch, the firm having disbanded.

Prof. Way began his duties as director of the Baptist choir Saturday.

The date of the dedication of the new Baptist church has been set for February 5, and a grand organ recital will be given on the evening of the 4th.

The Caledonian club will nominate officers for the coming year at tonight's meeting.

An interesting meeting of the King's Daughters was held at the Congregational house Saturday afternoon. The state convention delegates reported and the meeting was followed by a supper.

Ralph A. Bowen and Fred E. Busby of Boston Tech., are at home to stay until after New Years.

Frederick Graham, who is Dr. A. K. Boom's guest, is held up with a sprained ankle.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson of Pittsfield visited Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Boom Friday.

John L. Burt of Springfield is visiting at his home here.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Transcript in Williamstown.

Desiring to give Williamstown people a complete and convenient newspaper service, and to do for them so far as possible all that a local paper of their own might be able to do, the TRANSCRIPT has opened a branch office and local news department in the office of Waterman & Moore, which is placed in charge of E. E. Waterman, correspondent.

The TRANSCRIPT has great faith in the immediate increasing prosperity of Williamstown, and in its rapid growth in popularity as a place of residence and resort, following upon its recently established close relations with the prosperous and enterprising young city of North Adams. The two communities can work most successfully together in many ways. The TRANSCRIPT will take special pleasure in doing anything in its power to promote this advancement of Williamstown's interest. It will be pleased to have the community regard the paper as its own.

Information pertaining to social matters of interest to the community and to others more removed will be very accept-

able, as will practical communications relating to farming and other industries. Of course general local news will be always highly appreciated. Anything in the way of news or business intelligence for the daily or weekly TRANSCRIPT, should be left with Mr. Waterman. Anything for the daily should be in his hands if possible by the evening before the day of desired publication, for the weekly not later than 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Waterman is prepared to take subscriptions for the TRANSCRIPT, daily and weekly. Under a special arrangement with the New York Tribune, the weekly TRANSCRIPT and the Weekly Tribune can now be furnished subscribers for the low price of \$1.50 per year for the two papers combined, cash in advance. Mr. Waterman will also receive orders for fine printing for social or business purposes. The TRANSCRIPT job printing office is doing artistic work equal to that obtainable in New York.

It is hoped that these newspaper and printing facilities, furnished for the first time to Williamstown people, may prove acceptable conveniences to them. The TRANSCRIPT intends to do what it can for this part of its growing constituency and believes its efforts will be appreciated.

Mr. Babbitt class '95, Williams college, was in town Saturday.

Harold A. Sanford is spending his vacation at home. He has been attending Burr & Burton seminar, Manchester, Vt.

The Misses Snyder of Burr & Burton seminary were guests of C. S. Cole Friday. They go to Boston for part of the vacation.

C. H. Taylor was in Lansingburg Sunday.

Marjorie, Burr and Ruth Mears are home from Vassar college.

Jennie B. Smith who is teaching in Poughkeepsie is home for the holidays.

Richard A. Rice, Jr., is home from school.

N. Henry Sabin and family are in town for a few days.

B. L. Sherman is placing in G. A. Wells' new house one of the celebrated Simmons boilers. Mr. Sherman finds this boiler to meet universal approval. The Joy radiator is used in Mr. Wells' house.

Miss Thompson will not teach next term. Miss Gavitt has so far recovered as to be able to commence her duties again.

Miss Rosalie Smith has been appointed organist of the North Reformed church of West Troy, commencing January 1.

The last meeting of the Grange under its old board of officers occurred last evening. At the next meeting in January new officers for the ensuing year will be chosen.

The Fitchburg yard is busy now. A new side-track is being built and the old tracks changed and improved. The present activity has caused the necessary enlargement.

Ernest Goodrich of Chambers drug store has decorated the large show windows with evergreen. No other store equals it.

Two large hot air furnaces, Richardson & Boynton make, are being placed in the new Episcopal church by B. H. Sherman. Amos Belding has an entirely new feature in cutters. Call on him for cutters for the snow is very near at hand.

It is a pleasure to see Michael Kelly out again. He seems pleased also, and will probably be able to attend the town meeting to watch and correct affairs.

The property of Margaret Williams Lawlor will be sold December 24, by C. M. Smith, guardian.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church Christmas eve at 7.30 p. m. Christmas day, 10.45 a. m., holy communion and services. Children's festival and Christmas tree Monday evening, December 30, at 7.30 p. m. It is a source of pleasure to pastor and church that from a few meetings in a private house in Blackinton at Easter time a year ago, the number addressed by Rev. Theodore Sedgwick last week reached 120.

John Williams and family have the sympathy of all in the loss of a daughter. She was a member of the Congregational Sabbath school, a bright and happy child. There was a decided gloom during the Sabbath exercises of the scholars.

Henry Larabee's barn burned Sunday night about 12. Ernest Goodrich first discovered the blaze and gave the alarm. Five cows and several hogs were burned.

S. V. Hopper, Spring St., Williamstown, opposite Neyland & Quinn. Christmas goods in great variety. All new, useful, pretty and cheap. Come early and see our 5c and 10c articles will surprise you. You will find what you want in staple and fancy dry goods, ready-made clothing of all kinds, kid gloves, cashmere gloves, hosiery, underwear, blankets, comfortable, etc. Stamped goods, embroidery silks of all kinds. It will be to your advantage to give us a call before purchasing. 2w 23, 24d

BLACKINTON.

Rev. A. B. Church of North Adams occupied the pulpit at the Union church Sunday, and his fine sermon pleased all who heard it.

Miss Mary McLean has resigned her position as the boarding-house, and has taken a position with a private family at North Adams.

Garfield Davis left for Springfield this morning to spend Christmas with his brother Frank.

Charles H. Turner is home for the holidays from the Harvard Medical college.

Miss Natalie Smith is visiting relatives at Somerville during the holidays.

Miss Jeanie Eadie of this village is filling a very responsible position in the telephone exchange at Northampton.

The Union Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Tuesday evening in the church for the smaller children, also a supper in the school hall for the larger members of the school.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Burglar."

That entrancing comedy-drama, "The Burglar," adapted from Mrs. Burnett's popular sketch by Gus Thomas, author of "Alabama" and other plays, will be the attraction at the Columbia Friday night. "The Burglar" is a piece unique and original in its construction, appealing with equal force to young and old. Its incidents are powerful and interesting, and gives unsurpassed opportunity for good dramatic action.

"The Capitol."

"The Capitol," August Thomas' refined comedy-drama of Washington society life, comes to the Wilson tomorrow night with the admirable company and superb scenery with which J. M. Hill produced it at his Standard theatre in New York, where it ran three months. It is original in story and characters. The aspiring congressman and his ambitious wife are drawn from nature and presented by the author with their characteristic weakness and love of approbation. Their career is checked only by the fear of destruction.

The beverage-hunting senator, who would defy the argument-arms and keep a committee waiting until he found a drink, is a correct copy of some of our lawmakers who wrangled for months over free coal and settled it by taking stock in sugar. He is an example to avoid. In the midst of all this wickedness and weakness, the author has given a beautiful, noble example of uncertain christian morality, dominating his entire work in the person of the clergyman. This conceit is not new, not original. We find priests and priestly friars and parsons in many of Shakespeare's plays, always peace-making, doing good. "The Capitol" is a beautiful play and has a beautiful presentation. The scenery alone gets enthusiastic applause when it is disclosed. The characters and players are as follows: "Dr. Kennard," Ernest Hastings; "Hubert Garrison," G. C. Stanley; "Mr. Carroll," Frazier Coulter; "Lieutenant Malcolm," Wright Huntington; "Senator Whipple," E. A. Locke; "Wormore Boyd," L. M. Bingham; "Mr. Vincent," John W. Arber; "Lorimer Hopkins," Thomas A. Russell; "Mr. Dale," Andrew Robson; "Margaret Doane," Amelia Bingham; "Cherry Whipple," Madeline Lack; Edith Garretson, Florida Kingsley.

Rev. J. M. Farley was consecrated as auxiliary Roman Catholic bishop of New York.

Steamships and sailing vessels arriving in New York bring stories of terrible experiences in gales.

The law for the regulation of foreign insurance companies has been signed by the President of Peru.

At Koss, Tex., fire destroyed seven brick business blocks, with stocks of 17 firms. Loss, \$75,000.

Part of the town of Santa Maria, United States of Colombia, was destroyed by a tidal wave and many lives lost.

Colonel Colthous, who is charged with being the cause of the religious riots at Cuzco, Peru, has been suspended.

Barney Brown, colored, was lynched by drowning by negroes near Wrightsville, Ark. He had taken another man's life.

Schooner I. V. Dexter, which was overdue at Liverpool, N. S., with 20 passengers, has arrived. The vessel had been blown out to sea.

At Joss Branch, Va., Alexander Felly was called to his door by two men and killed with an ax because he refused to give up his money.

Annie Galloway was fatally shot while acting as second in a duel between Josephine Clark and Jennie Beard, who fought over a lover.

A building occupied by W. W. Thomas & Co., wholesale dealers in teas, coffees, spices, making powder, Cincinnati, was burned. Loss, \$110,000.

The jury in the case of Dr. Hearne, charged with the murder (seven years ago) at Burrington, Mo., of Amos J. Stillwell, returned a verdict of not guilty.

General James C. Vanech died at his home in Spencer county, Indiana. He was brevetted major general of volunteers after the battle of Shiloh, and served through the war.

At a revival near Harrisonville, O., a neighborhood feud developed into a riot, in which two men were stabbed probably fatally, and three or four others were less seriously wounded.

Seven Mexicans broke into Paul Backer's store at Morencio, A. T. Backer attacked the crowd and drove them out, but was fatally hurt. In an attempt to arrest the Mexicans, two of them were killed.

C. I. Smith, one of the largest stockmen in Lincoln county, Wash., has telegraphed President Cleveland that he would furnish the government 8000 cavalry horses free of charge in case of war with England.

C. W. Anderson of Springfield, Mass., was found dead at Charleston. Death was due to heart disease. Anderson was a 63rd degree Mason.

Mayor Jewett of Haverhill, Mass., will permit athletic exhibitions in the future, provided there are no boxing matches made for donations.

Alexis Pulkey is under arrest at Fall River, Mass., to await the outcome of wounds inflicted on his father with a knife during a family quarrel.

No. 2396.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BERKSHIRE NATIONAL BANK AT NORTH ADAMS, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 13, 1895.

ASSETS.	
Loans and discounts	\$86,492.26
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	10,720.70
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	22,232.01
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	667.08
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	5,329.20
Due from approved reserve agents	2,137.87
Checks and other cash items	1,167.93
Notes of other National Banks	4,218.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	174.72
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Legal-tender notes	10,453.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,250.00
TOTAL	\$199,473.72

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	7,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	79,787.02
Unpaid National Bank notes outstanding	43,181.94
Due to other National Banks	11,894.00
Individual deposits subject to check	201,277.49
Demand certificates of deposit	561.31
TOTAL	\$499,473.72

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, ss.
I, W. W. BUTLER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. W. BUTLER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December, 1895.
GEO. F. MILLER, Notary Public.
Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of December, 1895.
W. H. GAYLORD,
C. H. GUTTING,
W. H. SPERRY, } Directors.

No. 1210.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ADAMS NATIONAL BANK AT NORTH ADAMS, IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 13, 1895.

ASSETS.	
Loans and discounts	\$852,329.96
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,240.50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	500,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	2,272.01
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	11,500.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	40,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	101,911.58
Checks and other cash items	1,022.09
Notes of other National Banks	4,250.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	461.75
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Legal tender notes	14,551.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	22,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,711,721.45

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$500,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	30,638.99
Unpaid National Bank notes outstanding	440,750.00
Due to other National Banks and Bankers	114,227.58
Individual deposits subject to check	1,829.25
Demand certificates of deposit	514,791.47
TOTAL	\$1,711,721.45

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, ss.
I, E. S. WILKINSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. WILKINSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December, 1895.
W. H. PRITCHARD, Notary Public.
Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of December, 1895.
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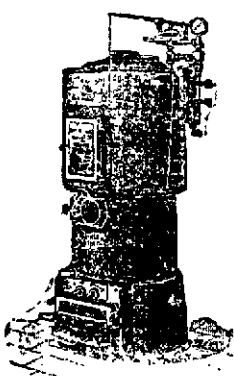
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IN BLEEDING ARMENIA.

Red Cross Society Needs \$100,000 to
Carry on Its Work.

Sultan Thinks That Powers
Do Not Mean Business.

Force is the Only Argument Which Will Bear
Weight With Turks.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—An audience deep in
sympathy with the Red Cross society
movement for the relief of the Armenians
heard M. H. Gulesian lecture last evening
in the Boston Young Men's Christian
association building.

Mr. Gulesian spoke earnestly upon these
three points, into which he divided the
subject: "What was the Cause of the
Massacres in Armenia? Why the Powers
do Not Intervene, and What the Red Cross
Can Do."

After briefly picturing the Armenian
life and character, and speaking of the
treaty of Paris, after the Crimean war, by
which the Christians of Turkey were
guaranteed religious freedom, the lecturer
stated that the Armenians made great
progress in education and business, and
the sultan became much alarmed. His
fear increased after the Russo-Turkish
war, following which a systematic persecu-
tion of the Armenians was instituted.

Mr. Gulesian stated that the sultan evi-
dently knew that the European powers did
not mean business. The only argument
which would bear weight with the Turk-
ish government was force. The United
States, as a disinterested nation which
would not be looked upon jealously by the
powers, should do something.

In the Name of Humanity.
The speaker said he had heard people
say that the United States had practically
nothing to do with the matter, but he
said, "What is the cause of the massacre?
There should be so much talk of war over
the Venezuelan matter. They could not
fight for the suffering and dying Arme-
nians, but they could fight for some sand
in Venezuela."

Speaking of Miss Barton's crusade, he
said that, as the Red Cross society was
an international one, it alone could pen-
etrate into Turkey without interference
of the part of the Turkish government. He
thought this was the only hope left to
the thousands of little children
starving in the mountains, and he
explained that the society could do a vast
amount of good in the way of establish-
ing hospitals, bureaus, etc. About \$100,000
would be required by Miss Barton be-
fore she could start, and he made a strong
plea for assistance to the cause.

As a result of the lecture, several liberal
contributions were made to the fund.
Mr. Gulesian expects more in the course
of the next few days.

Bridge Swept Away.
HARTFORD, Dec. 23.—The temporary
bridge connecting the town of East Har-
ford with this city was carried away by
the ice early this morning. The bridge
has been unsafe for a month past, and
though it has been strengthened at inter-
vals, the ice had pressed against the
spillings so strongly that they snapped like
pistons when the heavy ice struck them.
Travel over the bridge had been stopped
for seven hours before it had been swept
down the stream. The bridge was built by
the Berlin Iron Bridge company, to take
the place of the old East Hartford bridge
which was destroyed by fire last summer.

Becoming Frequent.
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Another serious in-
cendiarious fire occurred in the Boston and
Albany railroad stock yards at Brighton
late yesterday afternoon, when two large
barns, containing 45 head of stock, a large
quantity of hay, etc., were destroyed. The
fire is the fifth of incendiary origin which
have occurred in the same locality within
the past few months. In every case the
fires occurred about the same time in the
afternoon and always on a holiday or
Sunday. A wild steer and a number of
hogs broke loose during the fire. Nobody
was injured, however.

Sailed Into Police Commissioners.
NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 23.—Rev. C. L.
White, lately attacked the police com-
missioner from the pulpit yesterday for
alleged non-enforcement of the prohibitory
law, asserting that the commissioners
could close 94 places where liquor is sold
in one day if they said the places must
close and meant what they said.

Officers Badly Handled.
FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—Thomas
Colleran is under arrest, charged with as-
sault with a knife on James Warren.
Officers Warren and Quigley tried to ar-
rest Colleran for drunkenness. His entire
family set on the two officers. Warren be-
ing stabbed. He is in a serious condition,
while Quigley is badly hurt.

Would-Be Nimrods.
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—Three boys,
whose homes are in Malden, Mass., were
arrested here yesterday as runaways. The
lads were on their way to Boothbay har-
bor, from whence they intended to go to
Florida to shoot ducks. The boys were
each about 15 years of age.

Paster Savage's Decision.
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Rev. Minot J. Savage,
pastor of the Church of the Unity, this
city, states that he has decided to remain
in Boston. He was considering a call to
the Church of the Messiah, New York, as
assistant to Dr. Collyer, the present pastor.

New England Briefs.
Georgianna Curley, 20 years old, drowned
herself at Boston while insane.
Fire in the Central hotel, Providence,
did damage amounting to \$2500.
George Myles, aged 38, was ground to
pieces by a freight train at Chelsea, Mass.
The Consolidated railroad is to expend
\$2,000,000 in improvements in Bridgeport,
Conn.
Boston dance hall proprietors have been
ordered to either get licenses or close their
places.
Oliver C. Randall of Beverly, Mass.,
died from injuries received while track-
walking.
Michael O'Brien, a Bradford (Mass.)
farmer, was fatally injured in a collision
of two horses.
Saturday's victory for the victory in
Boston was the cause of a number of serious
accidents.
Rose Allen, aged 6 years, died at Dan-
vers, Conn., of hydrophobia, supposed to
have followed the bite of a cat which had
previously been bitten by a rabid dog.
The Brockton Central Labor union
voted to withdraw its endorsement of all
show labels, except that of the Bout and
Shoe Workers' union, the international
organization recently formed.
S. C. Tandy, who shot at three persons
on the street at Concord, N. H., was pro-
nounced insane.
Robert Earle, who was confined in
Andover (N. H.) jail and escaped, was re-
captured at Fort Fairfield, Me.
The plan of the Putnam (Conn.)
Foundry and Machine corporation was
destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of over
\$30,000.
James J. Carney, aged 15 months, was
scalded so badly by the spouting of a
kettle of water at Pawtucket, R. I., that
he died.

PLEADING FOR PEACE.

Noted Preachers Deplore the War
Talk of the Past Few Days.

Wickedness of War Pointed
Out From Pulpits.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," Should
Be the Ruling Thought.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A number of pas-
tors of New York city and Brooklyn de-
livered discourses yesterday upon the sub-
ject of a possible war with England. Rev.
Charles H. Eaton, pastor of the Church of
the Divine Paternity, preached a sermon
on the wickedness of war. He said, "The
day on which Christians were to celebrate
the birth of Christ and proclaim from
every pulpit the doctrine of peace, the na-
tion should be eagerly waiting the ul-
timate of statesmen and matters of war
should fill the land."

In the course of his sermon, "Civili-
zation's Debt to Christ," Rev. Dr.
Madison C. Peters of the Bloomingdale
Reformed church said: "War is cruel,
hateful, wrong. War is hell. The politi-
cal demagogues who at this Christmas-
tide are shouting for war will be branded
by the second sober thought of the Ameri-
can people as the criminals of the 19th
century. When these men had an oppor-
tunity to fight their own land, when the
Stars and Stripes were trailing in the
dust, they sent substitutes."

"A war between England and America
could never be terminated until one or the
other went into bankruptcy or had no
more men to fill the ranks. As the
preacher of the Gospel of peace and uni-
versal brotherhood, I call for arbitration."
"Blessed are the peacemakers." I pray
that England and America may look
across the centuries and hear the angels'
proclamation, "Peace on Earth, Good Will
to Men."

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst,
in the Madison Square Presbyterian
church, took for his text, "Peace on Earth,
Good Will to Men." The sermon led up
to the Venezuelan question, and he made
a passionate plea for peace. He said in
part:

"It almost seemed as though there were
a providence in the way in which these
Christmas days synchronize the year with
events that are just now filling our hearts
with disturbance and throwing an un-
comfortable shadow across the work of
the near future. Now, we do not care
about the bush in this matter, but
prefer to go straight to the mark by say-
ing that if Christendom wants to make
the religion of Jesus, with its Bethlehem,
its angels choir and its anthem of 'Peace
on Earth' a laughing stock to the ungodly
and a contempt to the heathen, the best
thing it can do is to set the two fore-
most Christian nations of the earth to
work blowing up one another's cities and
blowing out one another's brains."

"Unless we utterly misconceive the
sentiment of the Christianized masses,
both here and on the other side of the
water—I say unless we utterly miscon-
ceive that sentiment as it seems to be as-
serting itself in the second of these
such an issue will be morally impossible.
But the church must now move to the
front."

"There will be no conflict that will go
beyond the point of messages and pronun-
ciamientos on either side, if the church of
the Bethlehem Christ comes out and records
its veto. Christianity both here and in
England is too thoroughly an integral
part of national life for armies and navies
to clash in warfare. We are not here to
discuss the international technicalities of
the case."

"This is not the place to enter into a
philosophical or historical exposition of
the Monroe doctrine, only it is safe to say
that this nation is not going to be drawn
into an international conflict on ac-
count of the honor of Christianity, the dis-
courage of civilization, the destruction
of life and treasure and the demoraliza-
tion of our entire organic life—in be-
half of a doctrine such that probably 90
per cent of a congregation, as well informed
as this, would not be able to state intelligibly,
and the other 10 per cent, who can state it,
disagreeing among themselves as to
whether the doctrine is applicable to the
present situation."

"We are not speaking disparagingly of
loyalty to country or patriotic regard for
our national rights. But patriotic pas-
sions are incensed, and can easily be fired
to the point where righteousness is ig-
nored and reason and balanced considera-
tion tabooed, and that is the mischief of
inflamed passions that make a paying
newspaper business of fanning the flames
of international animosity. I wish for
two weeks that it could be a state prison
offense to print newspaper headlines with
anything larger than small capitals."

"If the nations would first take up the
business that belongs to them, and if En-
gland and the United States would join
hands in the rather more Gospel enter-
prise of rescuing pillaged and outraged
Armenia from the dirty, bloody grip of
the Turks, these two nations of brothers
would soon find themselves in good Chris-
tian condition of spirit probably to settle
that little question of civil engineering
down in Venezuela in a way that would
save both parties not only their pride and
their heads, but their Christian reputations."

Species of Hydrophobia.
Of all the anti-war sermons preached in
this city the fiercest was that preached in
the Central Metropolitan church by Rev.
S. P. Cadman. Dr. Cadman is an Ameri-
cized Englishman, and his language
was directed with equal vehemence against
the war advocates of both countries.
Beneath the thin veneer of religion, he
said, there was much of barbarism in all
of us when the howlings of the war dogs
could bring us so near the throats of our
neighbors. If war was averted, he said,
it would be only because of the intervention
of the religious. Dr. Cadman then de-
nounced the chaplains of the house of re-
presentatives because of the prayer which
he recently offered.

Continuing, he said: "The English peo-
ple and newspaper are sorry so, and are
no better than those on this side. The
whole thing is characterized by species of
hydrophobia. It is jingoism gone mad.
And for this jingoism, England, more
than anybody else, is responsible. At the
treaty of Berlin, England offered to take
care of the Christians within the terri-
tory of the sultan. He has done so, the
slaughter of 1,000,000 Christians in the
time that has elapsed sufficiently testifies.
The pretensions were the bloodiest kind
of a bloody farce. The slaughter now go-
ing on in Armenia is the aftermath of
British jingoism."

"War to this nation will mean the de-
struction of our liberty. It will mean the
setting up of military ideas for the peo-
ple. It will mean possibly the substitution
of the empire for the blessings of rep-
ublicanism. Just think of it, an empire.
Here we now talk of making one man
president for the third term. Twelve
years with more power than is enjoyed by
most European monarchs. It is preposter-
ous. I protest against any one man hav-
ing 12 years of such extraordinary power.
Who is he that he is absolutely necessary
to the safety of the republic?"

From the Hub.
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Nearly all churches
in the city yesterday held special Christmas

services. Several of the pastors found
time to make comment in their sermons
on the difficulty with Great Britain over
the Venezuelan boundary. In many cases
the government was criticized for its ag-
gressive course, and all the ministers who
touched on the subject protested against
the United States taking up arms.
Rev. Dr. J. B. Brady, pastor of the Peo-
ple's Temple, said: "Any man who will
jeopardize the interests of this great na-
tion by bringing it to the verge of war, by
defending any political or governmental
measure, that would bring us to war with
the greatest, most educated, most even-
ing sister or mother of ours on the other
side of the sea—no matter who or
what he is—is unwise, unpatriotic, crim-
inal in his talk, and ought to be hushed.
The evangelizing, elevation, education,
glorification of this world lies in England
and America."

Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor of the Park
Street church, censured the government
for its action in regard to the difficulty,
and said that it had acted unwisely and
unjustly, as was evidenced by the testi-
mony of experts on international law.
Rev. E. W. Hamilton, pastor of the Rox-
bury Universalist church, said: "The
feelings and associations of Christmas,
with its lessons of peace and good will,
would go far to render impossible any war
between two great representatives of the
English-speaking race."

Rev. E. S. Wheeler said: "I believe
that the very best thought of New Eng-
land and of the whole country is for peace,
and opposed to the application of the
Monroe doctrine between us and England.
I believe that it is a petty game of the
politicians in Washington, and will come
to naught."
Rev. Dr. G. C. Lorimer of Tremont
Temple delivered a sermon on "The
Christmas Message, or Peace and War."
He strongly favored peace, but did not
think in the president's message there
was a threat of war. "It can, of course,
be deduced," he said, "that it can be
wringing out of it, but I think Mr. Cleveland
was exceedingly cautious and careful in his
representation."

All For Peace.
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—Portland min-
isters, generally, spoke on the Venezuelan
question in their sermons yesterday. Dr.
Woodard of the Second Advent church
said he believed the whole thing to be
a game of politics, and he thought the
action hasty. He claimed that England
was too strong, and we would regret any
trouble with her.

Rev. Dr. Dalton of St. Stephen's Epis-
copal church said that in case of war Por-
tland would be the first point in the coun-
try to suffer. He blamed congress and the
president for rushing into a compromising
position before the country's defenses
were completed.

Rev. Dr. Blanchard of the Universalist
church in his sermon counseled peace if it
could be peace without sacrificing the
nation's honor.
From other churches came similar ser-
mons; all counseled peace and calm de-
liberation on the subject before war is de-
clared.

No Cars Running.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The strike on
the Union Traction line, which was de-
clared off by the labor leaders early Sat-
urday morning upon a proposition sent to
them by Mayor Warwick, on the authority
of "Traction officials," represented by
Thomas Dolan, through Rev. Dr. Baker
and George Griffiths, a committee of the
Christian league, was declared on again,
and as hard and fast as ever. There was
obviously a misunderstanding or a mis-
take in interpretation of the proposals
submitted to the strikers on one side or
the other. No cars were run yesterday,
and there has been no disorder.

Cruise Postponed.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The proposed
cruise of the North Atlantic squadron is
off for the present at least. Departure of
the vessels, if they go at all, will be con-

tingent upon the arrival at Norfolk of the
cruiser Texas, now in the vicinity of New
York awaiting the final official trial of
her engines. The squadron is also await-
ing the arrival of the cruiser Maine.
Meanwhile the ships now at Norfolk will
in all probability make good time avail-
able by engaging in a series of drills and
maneuvers that will be beneficial to the
commanders and crews alike.

Governor Talks Fight.
BOISE, Ida., Dec. 23.—Governor McCa-
noll has been informed of an alleged con-
spiracy on the part of the Miners' union
in Cour d'Alene to capture militia,
arms and ammunition recently shipped to
Mullan. The governor issued orders to
build the company at Mullan in readiness,
and command reinforcements if needed.
To Captain Wilson he says: "Shoot
down every one who attempts to capture
the arsenal."

Robbers' Victim.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Hester
Curris, an aged widowed woman, living
alone in this city, was found dead at her
home yesterday, sitting upright in a chair,
with her skull crushed in and a blood-
spattered bankbook in her lifeless hand.
She had evidently been trying to convince
her assailants, whose motive was no doubt
robbery, that all her money was on de-
posit in the bank.

Far From Settlement.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Whatever hope
may have existed on Saturday for a speedy
and satisfactory settlement of the tailors'
strike was dispelled yesterday by the action
of the Clothing Contractors' Mutual Pro-
tective association. The contractors held
two meetings. Reports of committees,
claiming that every contractor was loyal
to the association, were received with
cheers.

Unseasonable Weather.
CATSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The channel
of the Upper Hudson is entirely free from
ice. Ice men had hoped to begin opera-
tions before Christmas, the icebergs a
week ago averaging six to eight inches in
thickness. The recent warm spell and
heavy rainstorm yesterday morning dis-
posed effectually of the first freeze up.

Fall of Zeitoun.
VIENNA, Dec. 23.—It is reported here
that Mustafa Pasha, commanding a Turk-
ish force, has captured the town of Zeitoun,
which was some time ago taken by
insurgent Armenians, and that he has
massacred all the Armenians in the place
who did not escape to the mountains.

All Hands Lost.
HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—The Newfoundland
schooner Victory, Captain Bradbury, has
been lost with all on board. She was
bound to Harbor Grace from Inglew, and
the belief is that she went down off Cabot
Island in the night from some cause un-
known.

Off the Ledge.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The North German
Lloyd steamer Spree was towed off
Wardon ledge upon which she was run
on Thursday last, by four tugs yesterday
afternoon, and has proceeded to Southamp-
ton, apparently uninjured.

Several Sunday Battles.
HABANA, Dec. 23.—Several engagements
are reported to have occurred yesterday,
but none of them is regarded of import-
ance here so far as any admissions are
made. The insurgent leader, Mirabel, has
been killed.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Floods in western rivers are causing
loss of life and immense damage.
Two people were killed and seven in-
jured in a railroad collision at Frankford,
Pa.

Three Italian laborers were killed by an
explosion of dynamite at New Rochelle,
N. Y.

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with granulated eyelids. Had them
burned off several times and used differ-
ent remedies for about 2 1/2 years. Less
than two bottles of
Smith's Eye Water
cured me. It is the best thing I ever used
or heard of."
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The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders
of the Adams National Bank will be held
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